

Joint Capability Technology Demonstration Program

Game Changing JCTD's

"Game Changing" JCTD's The ACTD/JCTD program has not only met warfighting needs, but has enabled "game changers" in the Department of Defense. No better example of this is the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) story. Before 1994, DoD cancelled nine UAV programs. By 1 Oct 2008, DoD had fielded over 6,000 UAV, most as a direct result of the ACTD/JCTD Program. Other "game changer" ACTD/JCTDs include:

- Space-Based Space Surveillance Operations (SBSSO 1998) which provided space situational awareness, new uses for old systems and increased the dimensions of surveillance.
- Stand-off Precision Guided Munitions (SOPGM, 2005)
 that has led to a family of small low-collateral damage precision weapons.
- Precision Ground Surveillance System (PGSS, 2010)
 that has provided affordable persistent surveillance for
 force protection applications at forward operating bases
 in Afghanistan.

As stated by Vice Admiral Ann E. Rondeau, then Deputy Commander US Transportation Command, now President National Defense University, "...without this program, we would not be able to have the military we have today."

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High Altitude Endurance UAV ACTD produced Global Hawk



Medium Altitude Endurance UAV ACTD produced Predator (109) and Reaper (26)



Tactical UAV ACTD led to Shadow

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Expendable UAV ACTD produced TigerShark

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Scan Eagle

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Micro Air Vehicle ACTD

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Small UAV ACTD produced Raven

4,995